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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, BM, CH, UR
SUBJECT: SOVIET-PRC PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY IN BURMA

REF: RANGOON 2161

1. THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN RANGOON IS CONTINUING CIRCULATION OF ANTI-CHINESE PROPAGANDA (REFTEL) AND THE CHINESE EMBASSY IS REPORTEDLY PICKING UP THE CHALLENGE BY CONDUCTING ITS OWN SERIES OF PRESS BRIEFINGS. THE SOVIET EMBASSY PRESS DEPARTMENT THIS PAST WEEKEND (JUNE 17 OR 18) SENT AMEMBASSY A COPY OF ITS PRESS RELEASE CONTAINING TEXT OF NIKOLAYEV ARTICLE "WHY THINGS ARE NOT QUIET IN BURMA", BUT DID NOT INCLUDE OTHER ITEMS PASSED LAST WEEK TO OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE. THE COPY SENT TO OUR CHANCERY BORE THE GUB CENSOR'S STAMP, WE HAVE SINCE LEARNED THAT THE GUB CENSORS STAMPED AND APPROVED APPROXIMATELY 100 COPIES OF THIS ARTICLE FOR RELEASE TO FOREIGN MISSIONS, BSPP PARTY HEADQUARTERS, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, A PRACTICE PRESUMABLY INTENDED TO PERMIT SENIOR GUB OFFICIALS TO KEEP UP ON POSITIONS
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OF VARIOUS.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM JOURNALISTS, THAT THE PRC EMBASSY IS RESPONDING TO THE SOVIET ATTACKS BY IN TURN INVITING JOURNALISTS IN FOR TEA AND A HANDOUT OF THEIR PROPAGANDA (AS THE SOVIETS DID LAST WEEK), ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN A COPY OF WHAT THE CHINESE ARE CIRCULATING.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE THIS PRC-SOVIET PROPAGANDA JOUSTING IS "SMALL POTATOES" COMPARED WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES, IT REPRESENTS A MORE DIRECT PROPAGANDA CLASH THAN WE HAVE SEEN IN BURMA FOR SOME TIME. THE GUB HAS TRADITIONALLY TRIED TO KEEP BIG-POWER POLITICS OUT OF BURMA AS WELL AS AVOID CIRCULATION OF SPECIFICALLY ANTI-PRC MATERIALS, AND WE WONDER WHY THE GUB ALLOWED EVEN LIMITED CIRCULATION OF SUCH DIRECTLY ANTI-CHINESE MATERIAL.
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